

# CAPE FEAR PICKLEBALL CLUB

## Board Meeting October 14, 2020

Board Members present: Kevin Chandler, Mike Walz, Patty Hochwalt, Jeanne Login, Brent Young, Suann More, Joe Reina, Carolyn Ryan, Jackie Niedermayer

Board Members Absent: Ray Freiberg

Non-Board Members in attendance: Henry More, Bryant and Trey Gaudy.

Attendance was sufficient for a quorum. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm

A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the September meeting and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

### OFFICER REPORTS

**President** – Kevin Chandler reported that we will have the annual meeting at Northern Regional Park and he has set up a SignUp Genius event on-line. It has been tested successfully. He thanked Mike Walz for all his efforts and stated: “you have done an outstanding job as Direction of Competition. We will miss you in that capacity and as a friend.”

**Vice President** – Carolyn Ryan had no report.

**Treasurer** - Brent Young reported that the Club had a \$7,294.88 bank balance with dues income of \$72, some of which is prepayment for 2021. We had expenses of \$550.90 for apparel, office supplies, reservation of pavilion at Northern Regional Park and for Pay Pal fees. The 2021 Budget will be reviewed under new business.

**Secretary** - Jeanne Login had no report.

**Director of Membership** - Jackie Niedermayer reported that we have 25 new members which brings us to a total of 340 members currently. We have received 9 renewals for 2021. Jackie has amended welcome letter to include Kevin’s comments.

**Director of Communications** - Ray Freiberg was not in attendance.

**Director of Competition** -Mike Walz reported that our Skinny Singles League has been going well. It will only run for 2 more weeks since Mike is moving. Some folks may play on their own. Seems people are finding out benefits of Skinny Singles vis a vis Social Distancing. Mike informed us that this is his last board meeting since he is moving sooner than expected. Mike brought in stuff from his garage. There was a bag of Christmas lights which were given to Suann. He has a number of indoor and outdoor balls, they were given to Kevin. Brent was given some cash from league dues. Also had clip boards used for the league, given to Kevin. Paddles received through the Pickleball Central rewards program were given to Patty. An extra padlock was given to Kevin. Mike also presented a kit used to repair nets, complete with leather patches, hole punching equipment, extra leather, etc. This was given to Kevin. He presented a Club awards mini banner describing discounts which was given to Suann. Miscellaneous items also given to Kevin. Mike said its been his pleasure to work with the Board, he has learned a lot, and made a lot of good friends.

**Co-Directors of Training** – Joe Reina and Patty Hochwalt – Patty reported that Saturday mornings, they have been training beginners from 8 to 9am. Bo Carey is assisting. They have been averaging 6 folks. Patty said it is going really well and new folks are encouraged to join the CFPC. Patty presented a proposal for the Club to purchase a battery-operated blower to clean off the courts. There is a question as to whether the battery-operated units are strong enough to dry off the courts. Joe thinks a broom is better to dry. Discussion turned to squeegees, rollers and blades and Kevin is suggesting we purchase squeegees and perhaps a battery-operated blower. Trey suggested we just go with roller and blade, eliminate the variables. A discussion ensued about blade rollers and the value behind them. Henry suggested that the blade is long lasting and has been working well in his community. Kevin made a motion to buy one roller, one blade. Unanimously approved by board. Patty has been running drills prior to the Skinny Singles League play. She said drills will stop when Mike stops skinny singles, about another 2 weeks.

**Director of Social Events** – Suann More reported that she called the County Parks and Recreation Department

and that we have this pavilion reserved for 11 7 & 8 (rain date) for the General Annual Meeting. Along with that we were planning a socially distant gathering. Suann will send out another email detailing the social aspect. Will include link for Sign-up Genius. Need Sign-up genius because we are limited to 50 people. Pickleball Court Committee – Henry More said the last time we got together, we spoke about a proposal which was to be presented to the City of Wilmington Parks and Recreation. We have been trying to deal with New Hanover County, Parks and Recreation Dept., run by Tara Duckworth. We have also approached Wilmington’s Amy Beatty, Director of Athletics and Andrea Tally supervisor. On the County side, we are trying to point to Ashley, good facility, bathroom, lights, etc. We are working on taking 3 of the 9 courts and converting them to permanent pickleball courts. Most recently they have taken the position that they don’t want to put these courts there, they feel the right place to move forward is Arrowhead Park. We had a long conversation with Jeanine Powell, Director of Donor relations for all the Parks and Gardens parks at the County. Her job, working through a conservancy is to develop a public/private partnership for fundraising. We had spoken about donating \$2,500 to the effort. We are now told that the conservancy group could not work with us because it is not in the public interest. Tara subsequently said they ARE willing to move forward, but only if the effort goes to Arrowhead. Arrowhead is very remote and most members don’t even know its there. They are interested in who our membership is. They will do a survey monkey asking members where they play. Can we release membership info to assist in this effort. Kevin says that some members don’t want their contact info shared. Can we have them send the link to us so we can disseminate to membership. We are going to meet with Ms. Powell who can provide info on fundraising through the conservancy group should we decide to go to Arrowhead. Two stopping points: Covid and the Greater Wilmington Tennis Association. We are only looking at a fair assessment of where we can get permanent dedicated courts. Discussions will continue. So, we could raise more money to develop courts. Governmental Budgets are on hold due to Covid. We are, however, running up against a brick wall because that is what they previously had in their plan. On the City side we have been dealing with Amy Beatty and Angela. Marcia wrote a nice follow up note. We would be happy to take fundraising to Greenfield Lake. Their response was “Thanks for reaching out, and for the clubs offer to fundraise. CFPC input will be welcome along with other interested parties.” This also seems to be a dead end. The other place that people have mentioned with the sale of the hospital, there is a large pool of money, over a billion dollars, but those dollars will be tied to education and community service.

#### **Old Business**

**Parkinson’s Pickleball Tournament** – Have 50 folks registered. Mike is helping with the men’s 4.0 on Saturday morning. Jeanne will help. Carolyn will help

**General membership meeting in November.** Suann will send out a notice concentrating on the social aspect of the day. We will purchase water and ice. Brent want so know if we can talk about the structure of the meeting. Kevin said, typically the only things we vote on are nominations and ratification of dues for 2021. Brent will send out budget in PDF format, which will go out with Jeanne’s notification of nomination.

#### **New business**

**Candidates** – replacing Mike Walz - Mike spoke about his duties: He said: When I first started doing this, there were no leagues. What I have tried to do is offer leagues a couple times a year so that club members with diverse talent levels can participate if they want to. The other challenge is that we don’t control our own facilities or courts. Anything I schedule, is its first time/first serve. Generally, there has been a fall league and a spring league. Summer has been too hot. Mixed doubles seems to be a pretty safe bet. Ladder leagues have worked well. There is no right or wrong answer. Typically, you only get 30 to 40 interested in the leagues, not huge numbers. Communication is important, must be flexible in format in case one or more folks can’t show up. Mike has also been responsible for procurement. We use PB Central, we encourage members to use PB Central because we get 5% of any purchases back. They pay us one time per year. Also responsible for boxes at courts. Each year, there is a budget for equipment/maintenance, etc. We also tried to start an intercommunity league. Includes Brunswick Forest, Waterford, Porters Neck, CFPC. There is a potential for resurrecting that group. Leagues are mostly for fun but we try to get some good competitive play. Jimmy Carlo might be interested in handling, Bryant would help out.

**Budget review** – Brent Young presented the 2021 budget.

**Other items:** Where do we hold Board meetings in cold weather. The Library is still not available. Need a

plan.

Kevin asked: If holiday parade is held do we want to participate? Last time, we participated was 3 years ago.

Last two years it was cancelled. Likely to be cancelled this year as well.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm

Next Board meeting December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at a place to be determined.